

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 Claim 1 (original): A steam-supplying apparatus for hairdressing and beauty care in which
2 pressurized steam is sent from a steam-generating portion through an electromagnetic valve and a
3 connecting tube, and forcibly blown out of a steam-blowing portion, comprising:

4 a heating steam circulation passage, disposed in the electromagnetic valve, to preliminarily
5 heat inside the electromagnetic valve with steam from the steam-generating portion also in a closed
6 state of the electromagnetic valve; and

7 an electric heater, disposed in the steam-blowing portion, to heat a steam passage in the
8 steam-blowing portion.

1 Claim 2 (original): The steam-supplying apparatus for hairdressing and beauty care as set
2 forth in claim 1, wherein a vaporization space is disposed on the steam passage in the blowing
3 portion, and the electric heater is disposed near the vaporization space.

1 Claim 3 (original): The steam-supplying apparatus for hairdressing and beauty care as set
2 forth in claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the steam-generating portion has a boiler to generate the steam,
3 and a pressure-reducing valve is disposed on a steam passage between the boiler and the

4 electromagnetic valve.

1 Claim 4 (new): A steam-supplying apparatus, comprising:
2 a steam-generating portion generating steam;
3 an electromagnetic valve receiving the steam from the steam-generating portion, the
4 electromagnetic valve forming a heating steam circulation passage inside the electromagnetic valve
5 to heat the inside of the electromagnetic valve with the steam from the steam-generating portion
6 when the electromagnetic valve is in a closed state;
7 a tube receiving the steam from the electromagnetic valve;
8 a steam-blowing portion receiving the steam from the tube; and
9 an electric heater being disposed in the steam-blowing portion to heat a steam passage in the
10 steam-blowing portion.

1 Claim 5 (new): The steam-supplying apparatus of claim 4, further comprising a return pipe
2 in communication with the heating steam circulation passage, with some of the steam from the
3 steam-generating portion passing through the heating steam circulation passage and the return pipe
4 when the electromagnetic valve is in the closed state and when the electromagnetic valve is in an
5 open state.

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